

REMARKS

Prior to examination on the merits, Applicant respectfully requests consideration and entry of this Preliminary Amendment and submit the following remarks.

Amendment to the Priority Claim

The Response to Request for Corrected Filing Receipt dated November 22, 2004 (copy attached) asserts that continuity claimed under 35 U.S.C. §120 cannot be added to the Filing Receipt without the Applicant supplying the relationship (continuation, divisional, or continuation-in-part). By this Preliminary Amendment, Applicant has amended the specification to correct minor errors and to more clearly establish the relationship between U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/430,040 and U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/192,757. No new matter has been added.

In support of the above request, a Supplemental Application Data Sheet is enclosed.

Please forward a corrected filing receipt to us at your earliest convenience. No additional fee or certification is believed to be required. However, if for any reason a fee paid is inadequate, or credit is owed for any excess fee paid, the Commissioner is hereby authorized and requested to charge or credit our Deposit Account No. 50/2762.

Should any questions arise concerning the foregoing, please contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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